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OF THE

SEVENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,

IN THE

State of North-Carolina:

HELD IN THE

CHURCH AT SALISBURY.

ON

Thursday, April 10th; Friday, April 11th; Saturday, April 12th; and Monday,
April 14th,

1823.



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LIST OF THE ATTENDING MEMBERS.

OF THE CLERGY.

REV. ADAM EMPIE, *Rector of St. James' Church, Wilmington, and President of the Convention.*
 REV. ROBERT DAVIS, *Deacon and Missionary,*
 REV. WM. GREEN, *Rector St. John's Church, Williamsboro'*
 REV. WM. HOOPER, *St. John's Church, Fayetteville,*
 REV. R. S. MASON, *Christ's Church, Newbern,*
 REV. ROBT. J. MILLER, *St. Michael's Church, Iredell co.*
 REV. THOS. WRIGHT, *Calvary Church, Wadesboro'.*

LAITY.

Geo. W. B. Burgwin, St. James' Church, Wilmington,
Jno. A. Cameron, St. John's Church, Fayetteville,
Hon. Duncan Cameron, } St. Mary's Church, Orange co.
Walker Anderson, }
Sam'l. S. Garthwait, St. John's Church, Williamsboro',
Hon. J. L. Taylor, }
Dr. A. S. H. Burgess, } Christ's Church, Raleigh,
Wm. H. Haywood, jr. }
Alexander Caldcleugh, }
Dr. Wm. R. Holt, } St. Peter's Church, Lexington.
James R. Dodge, }
Dr. Wm. Dobson, }
Aaron Sherrill, Smyrna, Church, Lincoln co.
Charles Mills, }
Jacob Troutman, } St. Michael's Church, Iredell co.
John Cowan, }
Benjamin Lightell, } Christ's Church, Rowan co.
Samuel Fleming, }
Dr. Thos. D. Parke, } Calvary Church, Wadesboro',
Geo. W. Hathaway, }
Mark M. Henderson, St. Stephen's Church, Oxford,
Joseph Lever, St. Andrew's Church, Burke co.
John Davis, St. Jude's Church, Orange co.
 The Rev. G. SHOBER, the Rev. DANIEL SHERER,
 General Paul Barringer and Col. Henry Ratz, attended

as Delegates from the Lutheran Synod. ¶ See the 4th & 5th articles of agreement in the Convention between the P. E. Church of N. C. and the Evangelical German & English Lutheran Synod, at p. 11, of the Journals for 1822.

The Rev. Jno. AVERY, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Edenton, was not present during this session.

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Salisbury, Thursday, April 10th, 1823.

THIS being the day appointed for the meeting of the Convention, divine service was attended in the Church, tendered by the proprietors, to the Convention, for their meetings. Morning prayer was conducted by the Rev. WM. M. GREEN, and a sermon delivered by the Rev. R. S. MASON.

Business was then commenced, the Rev. ADAM EMPIE acting as President, and the Rev. R. S. MASON as Secretary *pro tempore*.

PRESENT—OF THE CLERGY.

Rev. ROBERT DAVIS, Deacon and Missionary,
Rev. ADAM EMPIE, Rector St. James' Church, Wilmington,
Rev. WM. M. GREEN, St. John's Church, Williamsboro'
Rev. WM. HOOPER, St. John's Church, Fayetteville,
Rev. R. S. MASON, Christ's Church, Newbern,
Rev. ROBT. J. MILIER, St. Michael's Church, Iredell co.
Rev. THOS. WRIGHT, Calvary Church, Wadesboro'.

The following Lay Delegates then presented the certificates of their respective appointments—viz :

Geo. W. B. Burgwin, St. James' Church, Wilmington,
Jno. A. Cameron, St. John's Church, Fayetteville,
Hon. Duncan Cameron, } St. Mary's Church, Orange co.
Walker Anderson, }
Samuel S. Garthwait, St. John's Church, Williamsboro',
Hon. J. L. Taylor, } Christ's Church, Raleigh,
Dr. A. S. H. Burgess, }

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| <i>Alexander Caldcleugh,</i> | } | St. Peter's Church, Lexington. |
| <i>Dr. Wm. R. Holt,</i> | | |
| <i>James R. Dodge,</i> | | |
| <i>Aaron Sherril,</i> | | Smyrna Church, Lincoln co. |
| <i>Charles Mills,</i> | } | St. Michael's Church, Iredell co. |
| <i>Jacob Troutman,</i> | | |
| <i>John Cowan,</i> | } | Christ's Church, Rowan co. |
| <i>Benj. Lightell,</i> | | |
| <i>Samuel Fleming,</i> | | |
| <i>Dr. Thos. D. Parke,</i> | } | Calvary Church, Wadesboro'. |
| <i>Geo. W. Hathaway,</i> | | |

The Rev. G. SHOBER, the Rev. DANIEL SHERER, and Col. *Henry Ratz*, appeared as Delegates from the Lutheran Synod, and took their seats as honorary Members of the Convention, according to the 4th of the articles of agreement between the Convention of the P. E. Church of this diocese, and the Lutheran Synod.

The Rev. ADAM EMPIE was elected President, and the Rev. R. S. MASON Secretary of the Convention.

Certificates of organization for the two following Churches were presented; and the said Churches, in compliance with their petition, were admitted into union, viz: St. Andrew's Church, Burke co. presented by the Rev. R. J. MILLER, and St. Stephen's Church, Oxford, by the Rev. WM. M. GREEN. The following persons then appeared as Delegates from the said Churches, and were admitted to seats in the Convention—viz: *Mark M. Henderson* from St. Stephen's Church, Oxford, and *Joseph Lever* from St. Andrew's Church, Burke co.

The following persons were appointed by the President a committee to examine the certificates of delegation and report who were entitled to seats in this house: Rev. Messrs. HOOPER and MASON, and *Duncan Cameron*, Esq.

On motion, *Resolved*, that candidates for orders in this Church, who may be present during the sitting of this Convention, be admitted to honorary seats.

The following persons were next appointed by the President, a committee on the state of the Church: Rev. Messrs. MILLER, GREEN and WRIGHT, of the clergy,

and Hon. J. L. Taylor and Hon. Duncan Cameron of the laity

On motion, *Resolved*, that the President be requested to appoint a Clergyman to preach a sermon as preparatory to a collection for aiding the funds of the Missionary Society. The house then adjourned to meet again at 4 o'clock, P. M.

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The house met. Duncan Cameron, Esq. from the committee to examine the certificates of delegation, reported that all the certificates presented appeared with proper authenticity.

The committee appointed to collect subscriptions for the Episcopal fund were called on to report; but with the exception of the Rev. Mr. DAVIS, who stated his report was not yet ready, it appeared that by no others had any thing been effected.

Dr. Wm. Dobson, a Delegate from St. Peter's Church, Lexington, appeared and took his seat.

The Parochial Reports were then called for, and the following were presented :

St. Paul's Church, Edenton,

REV. JNO. AVERY, RECTOR.

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| Baptisms in Edenton, | - | - | - | 4 |
| in Washington co. | - | - | - | 9 |
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| Total | | | | 13 |
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| Burials in Edenton—adults 9, children 6, | | 15 |
| in Washington co. | 1, | 1 |
| in Bertie co. | 1, | 1 |
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| Total | | 17 |
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| Communicants, | - | - | - | - | 22 |
| Collected for the Missionary Society | \$ | 82 | | | |

St. James' Church, Wilmington,

REV. ADAM EMPIE, RECTOR.

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| Baptisms, | - | - | - | - | - | 12 |
| Marriages, | - | - | - | - | - | 7 |
| Burials, | - | - | - | - | - | 13 |

Of which 9 only belonged to the parish.

Communicants, - - - - 137

Since our last report, 15 have been added ; but deaths and removals have more than counterbalanced the increase.

The number of white adults in this parish is about 200

Number of children, about 130

Number of coloured persons of all ages, 100

Number of children in the Sunday school, 100

COLLECTIONS.

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| In Church, for the Convention fund | \$ 26 60 |
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| do. for the Missionary Society | 34 75 |
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| Received for do. from the Prayer Book & Missionary Society | 12 00 |
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| Received for do. from Ladies working Association | 20 00 |
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| By annual subscriptions of Julius Walker and Dr. De Rosset | 4 00 |
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| Amount of missionary collection, | 70 75 |
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The state of the congregation continues the same as last reported. In compliance with the recommendation of the last Convention, a Cent Society has been established for the benefit of the missionary fund.

St. John's Church, Fayetteville,

REV. W. HOOPER, RECTOR.

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| Baptisms, | - | - | - | - | - | 6 |
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| Funerals, | - | - | - | - | - | 4 |
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| Communicants, | - | - | - | - | - | 53 |
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| Contributions to the Missionary Society, | \$ 118 |
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Since the last Convention, 5 new communicants have been added ; but in consequence of deaths and removals, the whole number has not been increased. At the last visitation of the Bishop, six persons were confirmed.

For the purpose of increasing religious knowledge throughout the congregation, of promoting a taste for reading and cherishing a spirit of piety, a parochial library has here, as in several of the other Churches, been begun ; and from the subscriptions and donations already obtained, it is hoped this Library will soon furnish to the congregation a facility of access to the best religious authors, and offer an encouragement to the perusal of them ; as well as constitute a permanent library for the use of the pastor of the church—an object to which the attention of every congregation ought to be directed. There has also been formed in the congregation, a Society which meets weekly for the joint purpose of social prayer, and of contributing a small sum to the funds of the Missionary Society. This Society I trust will be the means of promoting the growth of piety, and drawing more closely the ties of christian affection among the members of the congregation. Its meetings have not been as well attended as could be wished, but the revenue of their weekly contributions to the missionary fund, has amounted in the course of the year to 90 dollars, and affords a pleasing proof of the ease with which considerable sums may be raised from very small contributions, regularly made. And if each christian throughout the diocess would, in imitation of St. Paul's direction to the Churches, resolve to lay by, on the first day of the week, a small sum dedicated to God, he would be surprized, at the year's end, to find accumulated in his sacred treasury, without being missed, a sum which he would perhaps have thought himself unable to spare.

The Sunday school, conducted by members of the congregation, is still flourishing. Upon the whole, I trust that a spirit of religion is growing among us. Public worship is well attended, and the congregation serious and attentive. In the course of the last summer,

I preached occasionally at Pittsboro', Chapel Hill, Hillsboro', St. Mary's Chapel, and the Rockingham Springs—and administered the communion at St. Mary's Chapel.

Christ's Church, Newbern,

REV. R. S. MASON, RECTOR.

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| Baptisms, Newbern—adults 4, children | 12, | 16 |
| St. Thomas' Bath, | 15, | 15 |
| Zion Church, Beaufort co. | 17, | 17 |
| Herritage's Mills, | 1, | 1 |
| Total | | 49 |

Burials—Newbern 9, Pitt co. 2, Total 11

Marriages—Newbern 3, Beaufort co. 2, 5

Communicants, - - - - 58

Since last report, 5 communicants have removed, 2 have died, 1 has withdrawn from the communion, and 4 have been added.—At the Bishop's last visitation, thirty persons were confirmed.

Besides the regular services performed in the parish, the Minister thereof has occasionally visited Washington and Bath in Beaufort co. Grace Chapel in Pitt co. St. Matthews, Kinston, Lenoir co. and Trinity Chapel and Zion Church in Beaufort co. each once. He would earnestly though respectfully recommend these places to the attention of this body. No places can more need its fostering care. The services of a Missionary would be eminently useful and valuable in sowing the seed of the gospel, in disseminating the pure principles of christianity. Shall we delay till the opportunities be lost?

Collected for the Missionary Society—at Newbern, \$ 64—at Washington \$ 44—Total \$ 108.

Calvary Church, Wadesboro',

REV. THOS. WRIGHT, RECTOR.

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| Baptisms—adults 5, children 11, | - | 16 |
| Burials, - - - - - | - | 6 |
| Marriages, - - - - - | - | 1 |
| Communicants, - - - - - | - | 6 |

About 40*children attend the Sunday school.

Thirty dollars and eighty cents have been collected for the Missionary Society.

Besides my regular ministrations at Wadesboro', I have officiated since June last, once, and sometimes twice a month at Sneedsboro'. I have also celebrated divine service at Wilmington and in its vicinity 8 or 10 times—at St. John's Church, Fayetteville, and Christ's Church, Rowan, once each. Twice I attended at St. Peter's Church, Lexington, and aided by Mr. DAVIS, administered the communion to six persons.

St. John's Church, Williamsboro',

REV. WM. M. GREEN, RECTOR.

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| Baptisms at Williamsboro', | - | - | - | 6 |
| do. at Warrenton, 1 adult | - | - | - | 1 |
| at Raleigh, | 1 | child | - | 1 |
| at Pittsboro' | 1 | - | - | 1 |
| Total | | | | 9 |
| Marriages at Williamsboro' | - | - | - | 2 |
| Communicants at Williamsboro' | - | - | - | 17 |
| do. at Warrenton, | - | - | - | 14 |

The Church at Williamsboro', which four years ago was a perfect ruin, has been thoroughly repaired, and I feel myself in duty bound to state that this has been owing principally to the active exertions of a few ladies of the congregation. At Williamsboro' I have generally devoted the afternoon of Sundays to the instruction of the blacks.

At Warrenton, a neat and commodious Church has been erected, which was opened with appropriate services on the 8th of August last. The Sunday school in this place is still kept up by the unremitted activity and benevolence of the females of the congregation.

Christ's Church, Rowan co.

REV. R. J. MILLER, MINISTER.

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| Baptisms— | Christ's Church, | adults 2, children 14, | 14, | 16 |
| do. | St. Michael's Ch. | adults 1, | 14, | 15 |
| | Whitehaven Ch. Lincoln co. | 1, | 13, | 14 |
| | Smyrna Ch. Lincoln co. | | 6, | 6 |
| | St. Andrew's Ch. Burke co. | | 5, | 5 |
| | Total | | | 56 |
| Communicants in the whole, | - | - | 125 | |
| Burials at Whitehaven, | 3, | one aged 98 years. | | |
| | at St. Andrew's, | 3, | one aged 95 | |
| | Total | | 6 | |
| Marriages at Whitehaven, | - | - | 1 | |

REPORT OF REV. ROBERT DAVIS.

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| Baptisms— | St. Peter's Church, Lexington, | | | |
| | | adults 6, children 16, | 16, | 22 |
| do. | Christ's Church, Rowan co. | | 16, | 16 |
| do. | Smyrna Ch. | | 1, | 1 |
| do. | St. Jude's Ch. Orange co. | | 1, | 1 |
| do. | St. Mary's, do. | | 1, | 1 |
| | Total | | | 41 |
| Burials— | St. Peter's, Lexington, | - | - | 4 |
| | Christ's Church, Rowan co. | - | - | 4 |
| | Total | | | 8 |
| Catechumens in all, | - | - | - | 49 |

After the reading of the Reports, Dr. *A. S. H. Burgess* presented the following resolution, which was adopted: *Resolved*, that a select committee be appointed to take into consideration the propriety of acting upon the resolutions passed at the last annual convention of this diocese, relative to the election of a Bishop for said diocese: and also into the practicability of raising funds adequate to his support: and that the committee report at a subsequent meeting of this Convention.

On motion, *Resolved*, that the committee consist of five, and that the President be requested to appoint the members thereof.

The following persons were then appointed members of said committee : Rev. Messrs. HOOPER and GREEN, *Duncan Cameron*, Esq. Dr. *A. S. H. Burgess* and *Geo. W. B. Burgwin*, Esq.

The same persons as in the preceding year were appointed members of the standing committee, viz : Rev. ADAM EMPIE, Rev. WM. HOOPER, of the clergy, Messrs. *Jno. A. Cameron*, *Robert Strange* and *Charles T. Haigh*, of the laity.

The Convention then adjourned to meet the following day after divine service.

At night, divine service was held in the court house ; prayers by the Rev. R. S. MASON, and a sermon by the Rev. WM. HOOPER.

Friday, April 11th.

Morning service was performed by the Rev. ADAM EMPIE, and a sermon delivered by the Rev. R. J. MILLER, after which, the Convention assembled for business. The minutes of the preceding day were read.

Wm. H. Haywood, a Delegate from Christ's Church, Raleigh, appeared and took his seat.

Dr. *Wm. Dobson* requested leave of absence for the remainder of the session, stating that he was called off on necessary business ; leave was accordingly granted.

Certificates of organization for the following Churches were presented, and the said Churches admitted into union with this Convention ; viz : St. Matthew's Church, Kinston, Lenoir co. Zion Church, Beaufort co. Trinity Chapel, Beaufort co. St. Thomas' Church, Bath, by the Rev. R. S. MASON, and St. Peter's Church, Lincoln co. by the Rev. ROBT. DAVIS. ✓

The standing committee of the last year were then called upon to report, and presented the following :

Report of the standing committee.

The standing committee of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the diocese of N. Carolina, beg leave to pre-

sent the following report of their proceedings during the past year :

Mr. *Geo. W. Freeman*, of Warrenton, and Mr. *Geo. W. Hathaway* of Wadesboro', having made application to become candidates for orders in this Church, and having produced the requisite testimonials, have been accordingly admitted.

Mr. *Amos C. Treadway*, a Minister of the Methodist Church at Newbern, made known to the committee his wish to receive ordination in our Church. Having presented all the testimonials which the Canons require, he was accordingly recommended to the Bishop for Deacon's orders, and proceeded immediately to Virginia, where he was ordained by Bishop MOORE, and it is believed that he has since been employed in that diocese.

The attention of the committee has also been lately called to the application of Mr. *Ira Parker*, who has been for some years a Minister of the Methodist Church in Halifax co. and parts adjacent, but now wishes to receive ordination in this Church. The committee having had laid before them very satisfactory testimonials of Mr. Parker's character and qualification, have determined to recommend him for ordination.

The following persons have been authorised to officiate as Lay Readers : Mr. *Geo. W. Hathaway* at Wadesboro' ; Mr. *Joel Patrick* at Grace Chapel, Pitt co. ; Mr. *Walker Anderson* at St. Mary's Chapel and parts adjacent, in Orange co. ; Mr. *Ichabod Wetmore* at St. Matthew's parish, Kinston, Lenoir co. ; Mr. *Jas. Marsh* at St. Thomas' Church, Bath, Beaufort co. ; Mr. *Jarvis B. Buxton* at Zion Church, Beaufort co.

Rev. JOHN PHILLIPS applied for leave to remove to the diocese of Virginia, which was granted.

A communication was received from the Board of Managers of the Domestic & Foreign Missionary Society, to know whether there could be expected from this diocese any aid to the funds of that Society, and whether it would be expedient to send an agent to make collections for that purpose. To this communication it was

replied, that the Church in this diocese having immediate and pressing wants which call for the concentration of all its resources, was not prepared at present to lend that aid to the Dom. & Foreign Mis. Society which it could wish, and which it hopes in time to effect. All which is respectfully submitted.

By order of the committee.

W. HOOPER, *Clark.*

The following persons were then elected Delegates to the Lutheran Synod: Rev. Messrs. DAVIS and MILLER of the clergy, and Dr. *Wm. R. Holt* and *Alexander Caldcleugh* Esq. of the laity.

The Delegates to the General Convention were next ballotted for, and the following persons were found duly chosen: Rev. Messrs. AVERY, HOOPER, MASON and GREEN, of the clergy; Messrs. *Jno. A. Cameron*, *Josiah Collins*, *Moses Jarvis* and *Alexander Caldcleugh*, of the laity.

The Convention then adjourned to meet again at four o'clock.

4 o'clock.

Convention met. The contributions from the different parishes, to defray the contingent expenses of the Convention, were called for, and the following congregations rendered in the sums accredited to them.

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| St. James' Church, Wilmington, | - | \$ 26 50 |
| Christ's Church, Newbern, | - - | 21 00 |
| Christ's Church, Raleigh, | - - | 20 00 |
| Smyrna Church, Lincoln co. | - - | 4 00 |
| St. John's Church, Williamsboro', | - | 3 75 |
| | | <hr/> \$ 75 25 |

John Davis presented a certificate of appointment as Delegate from St. Jude's Church, Orange co. and was admitted to take his seat as such in the Convention.

The nomination of Trustees of the Theological Seminary was then ballotted for, two being the number allowed for this diocese, agreeably to the 3d article of the con-

stitution of that Seminary ; the Rev. ADAM EMPIE, and *Duncan Cameron*, Esq. were nominated Trustees, and the Secretary was directed to certify the same to the Gen. Convention. The Convention then adjourned, to meet the following day after divine service.

At night, divine service was celebrated in the court house ; prayers by the Rev. MR. HOOPER, and a sermon by the Rev. MR. GREEN.

Saturday, April 12th.

Morning prayer by the Rev. ADAM EMPIE, and a sermon by the Rev. MR. DAVIS. After which, the minutes of the preceding day were read.

Gen. *Paul Barringer*, a member of the delegation from the Lutheran Synod, appeared and took his seat.

The report on the state of the Church was then called for, and the following was presented :

Report on the state of the Church.

The committee on the state of the Church, in reporting to the Convention, rejoice that they have again such abundant cause for praise and thanksgiving to Him, from whom "cometh the intrease" of the Church. On reviewing the Parochial Reports of the last year, and comparing them with those of the preceding year, we find that many have been added to our communion ; and that without exception, each individual parish appears to be in a flourishing condition. The establishment of parish libraries appears to be engaging the attention of the clergy, and it is a measure which the committee cannot too highly recommend to every congregation. The Sunday schools which have heretofore been established, are reported by the Rectors of the respective Churches as still receiving the attention of the pious, and they hope, the blessing of the Almighty.

The Missionaries who have been employed by this Convention during the last year, report favourably of the prospects of the Church in that section of the state in which they have laboured. The committee would re-

mind the members of the Church throughout the state, as well as those here present, that for our past success, particularly in the western part of this state, we have been indebted (under God) to the exertions of a few zealous Missionaries. The members of our communion are so scattered throughout the different sections of the state, that missionary labour is the only possible method of supplying their call for the ordinances of the Church. These scattered sheep should not be neglected. The committee, therefore, would recommend, not only to this Convention, but to the Church at large, the propriety of increased exertions and increased liberality in behalf of the Missionary Society.

At this Convention, seven new congregations have been admitted into union with the Church in this state; most of them are from the eastern part of the diocese. The number of communicants belonging to the Church in this state is 480, as reported; though the exact number, or the increase since last year, cannot be correctly ascertained, owing to the fact that a great part of the congregations, not having the benefit of regular ministrations, their true state cannot be reported. The baptisms during the last year have been about 200. Our friendly intercourse with the Lutheran Synod still continues, and may it long continue. A representation from that body has appeared in the Convention, and we hope to draw still more closely the bonds which have for some time, connected us.

In taking a general view of the state of the Church, the committee, whilst they acknowledge with gratitude our past success, cannot help regarding this portion of the tabernacle as a body in a great degree without a head. Our exertions hitherto, conducted we hope with a single eye to God's glory, have met indeed with unexpected success; but except when blessed with such counsel and assistance as the pious and excellent Bishop MOORE was able, from the multiplicity of his engagements, to afford us, have still wanted the fatherly direction of a Bishop. We would therefore urge upon the Convention the neces-

sity of maturing, as speedily as possible, the plans for obtaining a Bishop in this state.

The above is respectfully submitted as being a brief notice of the circumstances which have engaged the attention of the committee.

W. M. GREEN, *Chairman*.

After the report was accepted, the following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be given to the Rev. R. S. MASON, for the instructive and impressive discourse delivered by him at the opening thereof.

Resolved, That it is understood by this Convention, that the compact entered into between the P. E. Church of N. C. and the Lutheran Synod of the same, as recorded in the journals of the last year, relates to the Protestant Evangelical German and English Lutheran Synod of N. C. and no other.

The following report was then presented from the Missionary Society :

Report of the committee from the Missionary Society.

The committee to whom it was referred to report on the state of the Missionary Society, beg leave to present the following :

It appears that the Board of Managers, during the past year, employed four Missionaries for the term of six months—The Rev. Mr. GREEN, in the eastern, and the Rev. Messrs. MILLER, WRIGHT and DAVIS, in the western part of the diocese.

The Rev. Mr. GREEN, having parochial charges at Williamsborough and Warrenton, has been able to give only one third of his time to the calls of the Society, and during that time has laboured chiefly at Raleigh and Oxford. He has occasionally visited Halifax, Milton, and St. Mary's Chapel in Orange, and thinks all of those places deserve the attention of the Society.

The Missionaries in the western part of the diocese report favourably of the prospects of our Church in that

quarter ; but as yet they have made no collections in aid of the funds of the Society.

It was hoped from the assurances the Society received at the last annual meeting, that the funds raised by collections in the congregations where the Missionaries were employed, would have been sufficient to defray the expenses of the missions ; but this expectation has been disappointed, and the Missionaries for the ensuing year are again earnestly desired, previously to their attendance at the next Convention, to make, in all the congregations where they labour, collections for the missionary fund, and to bring forward such collections with them to the Convention ; and it is hoped this suggestion will induce influential individuals in the several congregations served by our Missionaries, to exert themselves in assisting the Missionaries to make such collections. It is but reasonable that the Missionary should derive his support from those who enjoy his labour of love ; whereas at present the missionary fund consists almost entirely of contributions from congregations and individuals in other parts of the diocese.

It is true that in parts of the country where the interests of our Church are weak and incipient, little pecuniary aid can be expected ; but from the accounts which the Missionaries have exhibited, of the number and ability of the adherents to our Church, in the district assigned them, we have reason to believe that much more liberal assistance might be obtained than has hitherto been realized.

The disbursements during the year, including payment of arrears due the Missionaries for the preceding year, amount to

\$ 922 37

The receipts during the same time inclusive of collections paid into the treasury at this Convention, amount to

1105 34

Leaving on hand a balance of

\$ 182 97

Respectfully submitted,

WM. HOOPER, }
WM. M. GREEN, } *Committee.*

On motion by the Rev. Mr. HOOPER, *Resolved*, That an individual be appointed by the President, in every congregation, to solicit annual subscriptions to the Missionary Society ; it being understood that this resolution is not intended to supersede or interfere with any modes of raising missionary funds already adopted in any congregation, but only to co-operate with them.

Resolved, 2dly. That the Secretary of the Missionary Society be directed to announce to each person so appointed, the said appointment ; and to request him, in the name of the Convention, to accept of it, and to carry into effect the above resolution, forwarding annually, by the Delegates to the Convention, the monies thus received.

Resolved, 3dly. That the Secretary of the Missionary Society be requested to furnish the Secretary of the Convention with a copy of the names of the subscribers to the Missionary Society, and that this be printed in the next journals, at the close of the report on the Missionary Society.

LIST OF PERSONS APPOINTED.

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| <i>St. James' Church, Wilmington,</i> | Julius H. Walker. |
| <i>St. John's Church, Fayetteville,</i> | Jno. W. Wright. |
| <i>Christ's Church, Newbern,</i> | Moses Jarvis. |
| <i>St. Paul's Church, Edenton,</i> | Jos. B. Skinner. |
| <i>St. John's Church, Williamsboro'</i> | Col. Thos. Skinner. |
| <i>St. Jude's Church, Orange co.</i> | Robert King. |
| <i>Trinity Church, Tarborough,</i> | Jas. Clarke, |
| <i>St. Mary's Church, Orange co.</i> | Walker Anderson. |
| <i>Emmanuel Church, Warrenton,</i> | Jno. Anderson. |
| <i>Christ's Church, Raleigh,</i> | Wm. H. Haywood. |
| <i>Christ's Church, Rowan co.</i> | Wm. Chun. |
| <i>St. Mark's Church, Halifax,</i> | Edmund B. Freeman. |
| <i>Calvary Church, Wadesboro',</i> | Wm. Dismukes. |
| <i>St. Michael's Church, Iredell co.</i> | Chas. Mills. |
| <i>St. Peter's Church, Lexington,</i> | Dr. Wm. R. Holt. |
| <i>Grace Chapel, Pitt co.</i> | Wm. Pugh. |
| <i>Whitehaven Church, Lincoln co.</i> | Dr. Wm. Johnson. |
| <i>Smyrna Church, Lincoln co.</i> | Reuben Emerson. |

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| <i>St. Matthew's Church, Kinston,</i> | Nathan G. Blount. |
| <i>Trinity Chapel, Beaufort co.</i> | Reading Grist. |
| <i>St. Thomas' Church, Bath,</i> | Jas. B. Marsh. |
| <i>Zion Church, Beaufort co.</i> | Jarvis B. Buxton. |
| <i>St. Andrew's Church, Burke co.</i> | Joseph Lever. |
| <i>St. Peter's Church, Lincoln co.</i> | Alexander Lowrance. |
| <i>St. Stephen's Church, Oxford,</i> | Samuel Garthwait. |

The Rev. Mr. DAVIS, as one of the members of the committee appointed last year to collect funds for the permanent support of a Bishop, presented his report, which was referred to the committee on the Episcopate. The Convention adjourned to meet again at 4 o'clock P. M.

4 o'clock, P. M.

Dr. *Burgess*, from the committee on the Episcopate, presented the following report :

The committee to whom was referred the subject of appointing a Bishop, and of enquiring into the probable prospects of raising a fund for his support, ask leave to report, That they have taken the above subject into consideration, and from the flattering representations of the different members of the Church now in Convention, and a reliance upon the liberality of our brethren generally, your committee entertain no doubt but a sufficient sum may be raised in this diocese, by private contribution, for the comfortable support of a Bishop ; and from the great need there is in our diocese of the labours of one, and the confident hope that their expectations in being able to support him may be realized, your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That in compliance with a resolution of the last Convention, this Convention do forthwith proceed to the election of a Bishop for the diocese of North-Carolina.

All which was adopted.

On motion of *Jno. A. Cameron, Esq.* *Resolved*, That the Rev. WM. M. GREEN be appointed a General Agent for the purpose of soliciting donations and subscriptions to create a fund for the support of the Episcopate in this state.

The following resolutions were next adopted :

Resolved, That the place of holding the next annual Convention be at Williamsborough, Granville county.

Resolved, That the Secretary be directed to have six hundred copies of the journals of this Convention printed.

Resolved, That he likewise cause the constitution and canons of the Church in this state to be published with the journals.

The Convention then adjourned to meet again at nine o'clock P. M.

Nine o'clock, P. M.

The house met. The Rev. Mr. EMPIE, the President, being necessarily absent, the Rev. Mr. MILLER was called to the chair.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Convention be given to the Rev. Mr. EMPIE, for his able discharge of the office of President.

Resolved, That the Convention does hereby recommend to the several congregations throughout the state, that they should annually elect a vestry of four or more persons, and two churchwardens ; and for the sake of uniformity, does likewise recommend to each congregation, Easter Monday as a day for such purpose.

The clergy having informed the house that they had unanimously nominated, according to the 9th article of the constitution, the Rev. JOHN S. RAVENSCROFT, Rector of St. James' Church, Mecklenburg co. Virginia, as a suitable person for the office of Bishop in this diocese ; the Convention proceeded to consider the said nomination, when it was found to be unanimously agreed to by those present. It was then on motion of the Rev. Mr. HOOPER,

Resolved, That a committee of three persons be appointed to digest a plan for paying the salary of our Bishop, and for establishing a permanent fund for the Episcopate of this diocese ; and that the said committee be requested to report on Monday morning.

The Hon. Jno. L. Taylor, Alexander Caldecleugh and Jno. A. Cameron Esqrs. were appointed members of said committee.

Dr. *Thomas D. Parke* and *Wm. Dodge Esq.* requested leave of absence for the remainder of the session. Leave was accordingly granted.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the inhabitants of Salisbury and its vicinity, for their kindness in extending to us the use of their Church during our present session, and likewise for their hospitality to the members of the Convention.

Resolved, That the Secretary of this Convention request the editor of the public newspaper of this place to publish the above resolution.

The house then adjourned to meet again at 8 o'clock on Monday morning.

Monday, April 14th, 8 o'clock A. M.

The house met. The minutes of the preceding day were read. After which, the committee appointed on the Rev. Mr. HOOPER's motion, presented their report, which, after some amendments, was adopted.

REPORT.

Whereas the Rev. JOHN S. RAVENSCROFT, Rector of St James' parish, in the diocese of Virginia, hath been at the present Convention elected Bishop of this diocese, according to the form and manner prescribed in the canons of the constitution of the P. E. Church in the U. S. and of the constitution and canons of the P. E. Church in this state, *Resolved*, That the standing committee be requested to communicate the same to the Bishop elect, and to transmit to him the testimonials required by the third canon, to enable him to receive consecration to that holy office, at the next General Convention to be held in Philadelphia.

Resolved, That the annual salary of the Bishop elect, until the further order of the Convention, be fixed at the sum of 750 dollars, to be paid semi-annually, exclusively of parochial support; and that the Rev. WM. M. GREEN, who hath been appointed Agent to raise a fund for that purpose, be requested to remit such sums as he may from

time to time receive, to the standing committee for the time being, who are hereby constituted trustees for receiving and disbursing the same.

Resolved, That the committee be requested to invest the surpluss of the sum at the end of each year, in some permanent and productive fund at their discretion.

On motion, Resolved, That so much of the second article of the constitution of the Church in this diocess, as prescribes the time of the annual meeting of the Convention to be on the *second* Thursday after Easter, be repealed, and that in future the time of meeting shall be on the *third* Thursday after Easter in each and every year.

Resolved, That a committee consisting of two clerical and one lay member of the Convention, be appointed to draft an address to the members and friends of the Episcopal Church of this diocess, setting forth the immediate necessity of creating a fund for an Episcopate, informing them of the appointment of a General Agent for that purpose, and earnestly soliciting their exertions in aid of the same; and that such address, as soon as prepared, be printed by the Secretary of the Missionary Society, and forwarded to the Clergymen of the respective congregations in the diocess, and all such other means adopted, as by the committee may be deemed most expedient for the free and general circulation of the same.

The Rev. Messrs. HOOPER and MILLER of the clergy, and the Hon. J. L. TAYLOR of the laity, were appointed the committee.

Resolved, That this Convention recommend the establishment of Sunday schools to the several parishes in this diocess.

After prayer, by the President, the Convention adjourned, *sine die*.

ADAM EMPIE, *President*.

Attested,

RICHARD S. MASON, *Secretary*.

Constitution

Of the Protestant Episcopal Church of N. Carolina.

ARTICLE 1.—The Protestant Episcopal Church in this state, accedes to, recognizes, and adopts the general constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the U. States, and acknowledges its authority accordingly.

2. There shall be an annual convention of this Church, on the third Thursday after Easter, at such place as shall be fixed by each preceding convention.

3. The convention shall be composed of such regularly ordained ministers as are settled in this state—such as are employed as professors or instructors of youth in incorporated seminaries—of such as are missionaries of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and of one or more lay delegates for each Church, chosen by the vestry or congregation thereof.

4. Every convention shall be opened with prayer and a sermon; and the preacher shall be nominated by the ecclesiastical authority of the Church.

5. A President shall be annually appointed, who shall preside in all meetings of the convention, except when a Bishop shall be present, who shall, ex officio, be President of said convention.

6. A Secretary shall be annually chosen, whose duty it shall be to keep a record of the proceedings, and to give due notice to each minister and vestry, of the time and place of the next meeting of the convention.

7. A Standing Committee shall be annually chosen, of not less than three, or more than seven persons, who shall have power to admit candidates for the ministry; and

until a Bishop shall have been appointed, to examine the testimonials of foreign clergymen, to call special meetings of the convention, and to transact all such other business as they are empowered to do by the constitution and canons of the general convention.

8. In all matters which shall come before the convention, the clergy and laity shall deliberate in one body ; and in voting, the clergy shall vote by individuals, and the laity by congregations : but if in any case it be required by two votes, the two orders shall vote separately, and a concurrence shall be necessary to constitute a decision.

9. The election of a Bishop of this diocese shall be made in convention in the following manner : The order of the clergy shall nominate and appoint, by ballot, some fit and qualified clergyman for that office—and if this appointment be approved of by the lay order, he shall be declared duly elected. In the above mentioned nomination and appointment, a majority of each order shall determine the choice ; provided that two-thirds of all the clergy entitled to votes be present, and two-thirds of all the congregations entitled to votes be represented, otherwise two-thirds of the votes of each order shall be necessary to determine the choice.

10. This constitution may be altered or amended by a concurrent vote of two-thirds of the attending members, at any annual meeting of the convention.

CANONS.

CANON I.—PASSED APRIL 3, 1817.

Of Presentments.

Every trial of a Clergyman in this Church, for misbehaviour, shall be on presentment, made to the Bishop by the Convention, by the Vestry of the parish to which the Clergyman belongs, or by three or more Presbyters of the Church. In every presentment, the charge or charges shall be distinctly specified.

CANON II.—PASSED APRIL 3, 1817.

For the trial of a Clergyman, the Bishop shall appoint three Presbyters, who shall be constituted a Board for trying the accused person. The Bishop shall fix the time and place of trial, of both which at least a month's notice shall be given to the party accused; and should he neglect or refuse to attend, the trial shall proceed. The Board, thus constituted, shall examine fully the charges alleged, and keep a minute and accurate record of the testimony of witnesses, and of every question and proceeding that comes before them. No charge shall be substantiated on a testimony of less than two witnesses. On the examination of any witness, should the accused party require it, an oath or affirmation shall be administered by a magistrate. In all questions, a unanimous vote shall be necessary to a decision. Having come to a decision on the charge or charges respectively, the Board shall communicate this decision to the Bishop; and also, in case they have found the accused guilty, the sentence,

which, in their opinion, should be pronounced. A certified copy of the record of their proceedings shall be laid before the Bishop, and his judgment in the case shall be final.

CANON III.—PASSED APRIL 3, 1817.

Of the sentence to be pronounced on a Clergyman found guilty of misbehaviour.

This sentence may be admonition, suspension, degradation from the Ministry, or excommunication; and shall be pronounced by the Bishop, and communicated to every parish in the state.

CANON IV.—PASSED APRIL 24, 1819.

Respecting the call of a special Convention.

When a special Convention is called, it shall be the duty of the Secretary, in issuing the notifications to specify the business and purposes for which the Convention is assembled.

CANON V.—PASSED APRIL 24, 1819.

Concerning Parochial Registers and Reports.

In order to give effect to the 4th canon of the General Convention in 1808, it is hereby required that each Minister of this Church shall keep a register of all the baptisms, marriages and funerals, solemnized by him in the discharge of his ministry; specifying the names of the parties married; the name and time of the birth of the child baptised, and the names of the parents; the name of the person buried; and the time when each rite was performed; which register shall be transcribed, at least once in every month, in a book to be kept for that purpose, belonging to the Vestry of each Church. He shall also

keep a register of the names of the communicants within his care. And it shall be the duty of each Minister to report annually to the Bishop, at the meeting of the Convention, the amount of said registers, and also the amount of the register of adults required to be kept by the ~~fore-~~said canon of the General Convention, together with a written account of the state of the parish; which reports shall be by the Bishop communicated to the Convention, and read in their presence, in order to promote a general knowledge of the state of the Church; and shall afterwards be preserved by the Secretary among the records of the Convention.

CANON VI.—PASSED APRIL 24, 1819.

The Clergy required to attend the meetings of the Convention.

Whereas the regular attendance of the Clergy at the meetings of the Convention is of essential consequence to the interests of the Church, this duty is hereby enjoined on them. At the opening of every Convention, the names of the Clergy entitled to seats in the Convention shall be called over, the absentees noted, and at the ensuing Convention, they shall be called upon for the reasons of their absence.

CANON VII.—PASSED MAY 2, 1821.

Any association of ten or more adults, consenting to adopt and be governed by the constitution and canons of this Church, assuming some name by which their Church or parish may be designated; appointing a Vestry of four or more persons to manage the temporal concerns of their body, and also a delegation of any number of persons not exceeding four, may be received into union with this Church, and their Delegates shall be entitled to seats in this Convention, on producing a written certificate, signed by the Vestry, stating that the above conditions have been complied with.

CONGREGATIONS OF THE P. E. CHURCH,

In the Diocese of North-Carolina.

St. James' Church, Wilmington ;
St. John's Church, Fayetteville ;
Christ's Church, Newbern ;
St. Paul's Church, Edenton ;
St. Jude's Church, Orange co. ;
Trinity Church, Tarborough ;
St. John's Church, Williamsborough ;
St. Mary's Church, Orange co. ;
Emmanuel Church, Warrenton ;
Christ's Church, Rowan co. ;
Grace Chapel, Pitt co. ;
St. Mark's Church, Halifax ;
Calvary Church, Wadesborough ;
Christ's Church, Raleigh ;
St. Michael's Church, Iredell co. ;
St. Peter's Church, Lexington, Rowan co. ;
White Haven Church, Lincoln co. ;
Smyrna Church, Lincoln co. ;
*St. Andrew's, Burke co. ;
*St. Stephen's, Oxford ;
*St. Peter's Lincoln co. ;
*St. Thomas' Bath ;
*St. Matthew's, Kinston ;
*Zion Church, Beaufort co. ;
*Trinity Chapel, Beaufort co.

* These were admitted into union during the present year.

CONSTITUTION

Of the Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church in North-Carolina.

ARTICLE 1. This Society shall be known by the name or title of the Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church of North-Carolina.

2. There shall be an annual meeting of this Society, at the same time and place at which the convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of North-Carolina for that year, may be held.

3. The officers of this Society shall be, a President, three Vice-Presidents, a Secretary, Treasurer, and a Board of Managers, consisting of four.

4. It shall be the duty of the President to preside in the meetings of the Society, and to call special meetings of the same.

5. The Vice-Presidents, by seniority, shall in the absence, or at the request of the President, perform the duties of President.

6. The Secretary shall keep a record of the transactions of this Society, and conduct the necessary correspondence.

7. The Treasurer shall receive all monies, keep an account of the same, and pay them by order of the Board of Managers.

8. The Board of Managers, consisting of clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church, shall appoint Missionaries, to superintend their missionary labours, and authorize them to receive such compensation for their services as the Board shall deem expedient. When the funds will permit it, they may aid young men who are studying for the ministry, and who shall, in such case, after they take orders, be bound to act as Missionaries as

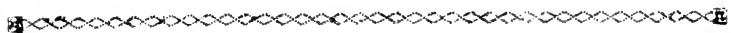
long as the Board think proper; provided, that it exceed not one year.

9. Persons shall be appointed, in various parts of the state, to solicit such aid for the support of Missionaries as the pious and well disposed may be inclined to contribute, and to transmit the same to the Treasurer, together with the names of subscribers.

10. Each person whose subscription may amount to two dollars annually, shall be considered a member of said Society. Twenty dollars shall entitle a subscriber to membership for life.

11. This constitution may be altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the attending members at any annual meeting of the Society.

12. The members attending, shall always constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.



Notice is hereby given, that the next annual Convention of the P. E. Church will be held at Williamsborough, on Thursday, May 6th, 1824, being the third Thursday after Easter.

